

I'm an owner of a consulting firm whose employees travel regularly and therefore use their cell phones constantly. This adds up to significant cost for us, but since keeping our cell phone numbers over time is of critical importance to our business, there is little we can do to manage our costs - we are at the mercy of the company we first signed with. This is also frustrating since each provider limits us to certain types of phones, and so changing to technology that allows us to take advantage of newer features (email, Web access) is simply not an option. This isn't just a matter of convenience for us - email access on the road is of real importance to us, and we now have to pay separate access and hardware fees for the features we need. Please give us some options by making it possible for us to carry our numbers with us as we switch providers.